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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter concerns Docket numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; and 97P-0197. I strongly feel that the FDA should use its jurisdiction rights to ban the forced molting of laying hens. This practice increases the likely hood of diseased chickens as well as contaminated eggs. In addition I see this practice as unneccessarily cruel. Please support the petitions to ban forced molting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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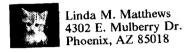
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## **CROSS REFERENCE SHEET**

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